

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)
VA-251-12-B-0122

PROJECT NUMBER:	515-12-109	Please ensure that before submitting questions or requests for clarification that you thoroughly read the solicitation, specifications, drawings and other pertinent documents. When submitting questions on this project the Government requires contractors to specifically identify the specification and/or solicitation section(s) or drawing number(s) in reference to the question or request for clarification submitted. No question or request for clarification will be answered by the Government unless the above requirements are met. Failure to comply may prevent the Government from responding in a timely manner.	
PROJECT TITLE:	Medical Gas System Upgrade		
PROJECT LOCATION:	Department of Veterans Affairs Battle Creek VA Medical Center 5500 Armstrong Road Battle Creek, MI 49037		
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INFORMATION NEEDED:

1. During the site visit we noticed what appeared to be NFPA 99 deficiencies in the medical gas systems outside the scope of work of this project. Will the VA sign-off on the medical gas certification if there are NFPA 99 discrepancies noted outside of this project?
2. Will the VA wiring guidelines be in effect which require all wiring, high voltage and low voltage, to be placed in conduit regardless of location?
3. For the purposes of estimating, can proposers assume the existing underground conduit has sufficient space to pull new pairs? The VA needs to consider the empty space in the conduit as well as the existing cables, i.e. fire alarm.
4. For the purposes of estimating, should proposers include a 1-day site investigation for medical gas NFPA 99 compliance and a 1-day design charrette to develop a master plan for future corrective work?

REPLY:

1. Question is speculative and assumes non-compliance in areas outside the scope of work identified in the Statement of Bid Items. No response is required or offered. However, unforeseen or differing conditions affecting work identified in the Statement of Bid Items are addressed during construction as contract modification requests.
2. Yes, VA Guidelines will be in effect.
3. Yes, this assumption can be made.
4. No.

REPLY FROM: George A. Granger III, COR	DATE: 6-4-12
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